GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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P & T FACILITIES IN VILLAGE PANCHAYATS
DUKHA BHAGAT;LAXMAN GILUWA;MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of village Panchayats in Jharkhand and Bihar without Post & Telegraph facilities, district-wise.

(b) the number of Panchayat communication Service and telegraph office set up or proposed to be set up in Jharkhand and Bihar during the last two years, district-wise; and

(c) the details of the time bound programme formulated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. S PASWAN)

(a): The postal facilities of daily delivery & collection of mails and sale of postal stamps and stationery are available in all the village Panchayats in the country including those in Jharkhand and Bihar. The information relating to telegraph facilities is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b): The details of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras set up in Jharkhand and Bihar during the last two years are as under:

	Year	Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendra
JHARKHAND:	2000-2001	77
	2001-2002	72
BIHAR:	2000-2001	464
	2001-2002	570

No telegraph office has been set up in Jharkhand and Bihar during the last two years.

(c): The opening of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendra is subject to the fulfillment of the prescribed norms and availability of the requisite resources. However, the target of opening of 55 new Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendra in Jharkhand and 200 Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendra in Bihar has been fixed for the year 2002-2003.Telegraph facility is provided on demand and justification only.